

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An audio/video (A/V) component networking system, comprising:  
a centralized storage system adapted to communicatively receive a plurality of source components, each source component adapted to provide A/V program data; and  
a sink component communicatively disposed between the storage system and a presentation device, the sink component adapted to receive A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components and transmit the A/V program data to the presentation device, the sink component adapted to enable a user to select an A/V menu data stream associated with at least one of the plurality of source components for display on the presentation device.
2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to decode the A/V program data.
3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to transmit the A/V program data to the presentation device in real-time.
4. The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the source components is selected from the group consisting of a satellite receiver source component, a digital versatile disk (DVD) source component, a compact disc (CD) source component, a computer, and a cable source component.
5. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register the storage system with the sink component.
6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register at least one available type of communication network for communicating with the storage system.
7. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register a format of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

8. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to present to the user an aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

9. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to present to the user a filtered aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components based on a format of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

10. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to present to the user a filtered aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components based on a type of the presentation device.

11. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register the presentation device with the sink component.

12. The system of Claim 1, wherein at least two of the plurality of source components comprise the same type of source component.

13. An audio/video (A/V) networking method, comprising:  
accessing, via a sink component, a centralized storage system having a plurality of source components, each source component adapted to provide A/V program data;  
transmitting, via the sink component, A/V program data from at least one of the source components to a presentation device; and  
receiving, via the sink component, a user selection of at least one of the plurality of source components for displaying an A/V menu data stream associated with the selected source component on the presentation device.

14. The method of Claim 13, further comprising performing a registration operation to register the storage system with the sink component.

15. The method of Claim 13, further comprising performing a registration operation to register each of the plurality of source components with the sink component.

16. The method of Claim 13, further comprising performing a registration operation to register a format of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

17. The method of Claim 13, further comprising decoding the A/V program data for presentation on the presentation device.

18. The method of Claim 13, further comprising performing a registration operation to register a type of a communication network for obtaining the A/V program data from the storage system.

19. The method of Claim 13, wherein accessing the centralized storage system comprises accessing at least one of a group consisting of a satellite receiver source component, a digital versatile disk (DVD) source component, a compact disc (CD) source component, a computer, and a cable source component residing on the centralized storage system.

20. The method of Claim 13, further comprising presenting to the user an aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

21. The method of Claim 13, further comprising presenting to the user a filtered aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components based on a format of the A/V program data.

22. The method of Claim 13, further comprising presenting to the user a filtered aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components based on a type of the presentation device.

23. An audio/video (A/V) component networking system, comprising:  
means for accessing, via a sink component, a centralized storage system adapted to  
communicatively receive a plurality of source components, each source component adapted  
to provide A/V program data;

means, via the sink component, for transmitting A/V program data from at least one  
of the source components to a presentation device; and

means, via the sink component, for receiving a user selection of at least one of the  
plurality of source components for displaying an A/V menu data stream associated with the  
selected source component on the presentation device.

24. The system of Claim 23, further comprising means for presenting to the user  
an aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source  
components.

25. The system of Claim 23, further comprising means for decoding the A/V  
program data for presentation on the presentation device.

26. The system of Claim 23, further comprising means for registering the storage  
system with the sink component.

27. The system of Claim 23, further comprising means for registering each of the  
plurality of source components residing on the centralized storage system with the sink  
component.